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**FOUR-TIME CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO 17 YEARS FOR
MANUFACTURING MARIJUANA IN SIMPSON COUNTY**

– Search yielded \$3.3 million of marijuana

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on February 1, 2007, **CECIL SHERMAN HUME, JR.**, age 58, of 3110 Michael Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky, for conspiracy to manufacture 1000 or more marijuana plants, knowingly and intentionally manufacturing 100 or more marijuana plants, and being a felon in possession of firearms.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Hume** to 17 years imprisonment, plus 10 years supervised release following incarceration. **Hume** also agreed to forfeit \$25,000 cash. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Hume pled guilty and admitted that between January 1, 2001, and February 2, 2006, in Simpson County, Kentucky, **Hume, Gary Wayne Bullington, Trudy Elliott Jackson, and Dale Snoddy**, all co-defendants in this case, participated in an underground marijuana grow operation located beneath a barn at 780 Craft Road, Franklin, Kentucky. On November 9, 2005, agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration, as well as other law enforcement officers, executed a search

warrant at that address, and discovered the underground marijuana grow operation. During the execution of the search warrant, agents recovered approximately 750 marijuana plants, which has an equivalency of 75 kilograms of marijuana, as well as grow equipment to include lights, fans, ballasts, chemical fertilizers, water tanks, an air conditioning unit, and a separate generator. **Hume** admitted to participating in the manufacture of approximately 629 kilograms of marijuana, worth approximately \$3,328,000 on the street. He participated by tending to its daily cultivation. **Hume**, a convicted felon, also admitted to the possession of a Remington Arms, 12 gauge shotgun, with magazine and ammunition, a Springfield Armory rifle, with magazine and ammunition, and other miscellaneous ammunition, which were found at his property located at 200 Ridgecrest Drive, Clarkson, Kentucky. **Hume** had previously been convicted of illegal possession of narcotics for sale (February 1972), distribution of marijuana (June 1992), marijuana production (September 1992), and trafficking in marijuana (April 1993). **Hume** received a 24 month sentence for revocation of the supervised release previously imposed on these sentences. This 24 month sentence was ordered to run partially concurrently with the 17 year sentence imposed on this case, for a total of 17 years and 9 months.

Co-defendant Dale Snoddy, a/k/a Charles Lawrence, pled guilty on August 24, 2006, to possession with intent to distribute marijuana and conspiracy to manufacture 1000 or more marijuana plants and was sentenced on November 21, 2006, to 3 years and 1 month imprisonment, plus 3 years supervised release following incarceration. Co-defendants Gary Wayne Bullington and Trudy Elliott Jackson pled guilty on September 15, 2006, to possession with intent to distribute marijuana and manufacturing 100 or more marijuana plants and were sentenced on December 14, 2006. Bullington was sentenced to 3 years and 1 month imprisonment, plus 3 years supervised release following incarceration. Bullington also agreed to forfeit \$30,000 cash. Jackson was

sentenced to 1 year and 6 months imprisonment, plus 3 years supervised release following incarceration.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Laura L. Hall, and was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Kentucky State Police, and the Kentucky National Guard, who assisted in the execution of the search warrant.

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